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Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 24, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Patriot Village refuse removal rescheduled

Due to the pending storm, the Friday pickup of refuse from Patriot Village has been rescheduled to Saturday. This is only for Patriot Village. All other scheduled trash pickup days for the week will remain as scheduled.

VSIP/VERA window extended

Due to the anticipated hurricane, the VSIP/VERA window is extended to close of business Sept. 23. Agencies should hand carry their applications to Kim Hart as they are received so that eligibility verification can be expedited.

Breast Cancer Awareness seminar

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, women are cordially invited to become a part of Tel-A-Friend, a community-wide campaign in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground and the American Cancer Society.

A Brown Bag Lunch-n-Learn training will be held noon to 1 p.m., Sept. 24, at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Dessert will be provided.

RSVP by calling Milagros Borrero-Ruiz, 410-278-1774, Peggy Horne, 410-278-1772 or Cheri Whiting, 410-278-1908.

KUSAHC's goal is to encourage women to get their annual mammograms.

Breast health awareness seminar

The APG Committee for the disABLED will hold an educational presentation on Breast Health Awareness and the Latest in Surgical and Treatment Options for Breast Cancer, Sept. 24, 2 p.m. in the Powers Conference Room on the second floor of the Developmental Test Command, Ryan Building 314.

Lillie Shockney, RN, director of Education and Outreach at the Johns Hopkins Breast Center, will give the presentation.

For more information, call Judy Matthews, 410-278-1017.

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Patriots hailed in Sept. 11 ceremony



Photo by RALPH BROTH

As members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground fire department salute in the rear, Spc. Lucas Ketelsen, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) plays "Taps" at Aberdeen Area's Fanshaw Field during the Patriot Day Ceremony, Sept. 11.

Yvonne Johnson

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community paused to honor the victims and heroes of 9-11 during the Patriot Day Ceremony on Aberdeen Area's Fanshaw Field, Sept. 11.

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, served as the host commander for the ceremony, and David G. Burdick, APG Garrison Adjutant, narrated the program.

Personnel and equipment from the APG Garrison, the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, the Directorate of Installation Operations, and the 121st Engineer Battalion Corps Mechanized lined the field in front of the reviewing stands, symbolizing the police, fire, medical emergency and military units that responded to the terrorist threat during and since Sept. 11, 2001.

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Ripken Stadium ceremony, game honor 9-11

Yvonne Johnson

Published in the interest of the people of Aberdeen Proving Ground

The city of Aberdeen observed the second anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with a remembrance ceremony and softball game at Ripken Stadium, Sept. 11.

Hundreds came out to pay their respects and enjoy the "Battle of Guns and Hoses" game between Harford County police officers and fire fighters versus soldiers from the Aberdeen Proving Ground All Star softball team.

The ceremony

Don Morrison, Harford County Board of Education public information officer, was the master of ceremonies for the program that included the invocation and benediction by Lt. Col. Carol Van Schenkhof, APG Garrison chaplain, musical selections by the Aberdeen High School choir, the posting and retiring of the colors by the Harford County volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service color guard, and a 21-gun salute by the 16th Ordnance Battalion firing party.

"The tragedy of September 11 reminds us to focus our faith and spirituality," Morrison said. "It's important that we remain united and more determined than ever before."

He called for a moment of silenced followed by the playing of "Taps" by Spc. Lucas Ketelsen, a bugler with the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

The Table of Remembrance ceremony featured wreaths lain in honor of the groups that lost members in the terrorist attacks.

The presenters included Maryland Army National Guard Master Sgt. Harry Ballard, Freestate ChalleNGe Program officer Larry Wade, Aberdeen Police Department; Stephen Lancaster, battalion fire chief, Baltimore City; his daughter Kerry, 13, and Brian Bauer, 17, youth scoutmaster, Troop 265, Jarrettsville.

Randy Weber, a training technician with the U.S. Army School of Military Packaging Technology, Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, served as the sign language interpreter and sang "God Bless America" to close the program.

The game

Led by Sgt. 1st Class James Smith, HHC 61st Ordnance Battalion, the APG All Stars took the field to the whoops and hollers of supportive fans. Maj. John C. Doesburg, commander See CEREMONY, page 12



Maryland Army National Guard Master Sgt. Harry Ballard of the Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, salutes the Table of Remembrance.

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Non-amphibious vehicles

Photo by KAREN JOLLY DREWEN

Two cars wait for a tow truck as the water recedes following brief flooding in the road near the Edgewood Area's Route 755 gate, Sept. 15. Several feet of water covered the road briefly, as up to three-and-a-half inches of rain fell during the storm.

Hurricane Isabel moving toward Maryland

Yvonne JohnsonAPG News

With Hurricane Isabel moving closer to the mid Atlantic region, the APG community is readying for what could be the most intense storm to impact the area since Hurricane Floyd.

Whether new to the region or a lifetime resident, members of the APG community should take note of impending hurricane activity and implement the necessary precautions. Reviewing the following information can also help.

What is a hurricane?

A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds that have reached a constant speed of at least 74 mph.

Hurricane winds blow in a large spiral around a relatively calm center known as the "eye."

The "eye" is generally 20 to 30 miles wide, and the storm may spread outward 400 miles.

As a hurricane nears, it brings rain, wind and storm surges. August and September are the peak months of the hurricane season, which generally lasts from June through November.

Hurricane watches and warnings

Before a hurricane:

- Learn safe routes inland. Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to reach safety.

- Trim dead or weak **See HURRICANE**, page 3

A member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart presents awards to four Purple Heart recipients from different branches of the military. The honorees were: (from left to right) Army Sgt. 1st Class Everett Morrow, Air Force Staff Sgt. Rob Disney Jr., Marine Cpl. Gardner Mejia and Army Reserve Spc. Jason A. Lang.

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Military honored at NFL concert, opening game

Story and photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell Operation Tribute to Freedom

Three weeks ago, Army Spc. Keith Simms was dodging snipers and terrorist bombers in and around Baghdad.

On Sept. 4 he was standing a few hundred feet from a massive stage fronting the U.S. Capitol, taking in an energetic performance by hip-hop soul artist Mary J. Blige. Simms was among thousands of uniformed military members at NFL Kickoff Live, a free concert jumpstarting the new football season. The NFL reserved special front-stage viewing areas for the armed forces as a way of saying thank-you for their service.

The event drew more than 100,000 music and football fans to the National Mall. Some 27.000 service members and their families registered online ahead of time to attend through Operation Tribute to Freedom, a Department of Defense initiative designed to facilitate and support demonstrations of appreciation for America's servicemen and women.

"This is the most fun I've had in seven months," said Simms, of Baltimore. "It feels good. Really good."

Simms enjoyed the concert from the VIP bleachers, where he sat with several dozen other Walter Reed Army Medical Center patients and fellow soldiers who were mobile enough to travel. Some came in wheelchairs with wives and friends. Several former NFL stars, like Hall of Fame running back Marcus Allen, spent time in the bleachers visiting soldiers and signing autographs.

A heart condition forced

after his arrival with the 1229th Transportation Company of the Maryland National Guard. The stark contrast between sweltering days in the desert of Iraq and intermittent afternoon rains on the National Mall was a bit overwhelming, he said. He's still not quite used to the security of being home.

On his 45th birthday in June, a young Iraqi boy threw a brick through the windshield of the 5-ton truck Simms was driving through a small town. He narrowly escaped injury.

"It's a big adjustment, being back," said Simms. "But I'm hanging in there."

Feeling appreciated for their service helps with the healing process, said Simms and others who have seen their share of horrors in Iraq and elsewhere while fighting the global war on terrorism.

Blige and several of the performers who shared the playbill - Aerosmith, Good Charlotte, Britney Spears, and Aretha Franklin - expressed their gratitude to the armed forces both on stage and at a press conference the day before.

"The military has a lot to do with us being here," Blige said at Wednesday's [Sept. 3] media gathering. deserve a lot of support."

Most of the celebrities spoke of personal connections to the military. Blige's father served in Vietnam. Franklin spoke proudly of two brothers in the Navy, one of whom retired after 20 years as a navigator. Paul Thomas, bass player for Good Charlotte, has a cousin in the Army who flies Blackhawk helicopters.

Their ties to troops contin-

Simms out of Iraq five months ued at the concert, where five service members - each representing a different branch of the military - introduced the band or performer from their same hometown or state.

> Marine Corps Cpl. Antonio Deascanis of New Castle, Del. welcomed concert-opener Good Charlotte to the stage, while Army Sgt. 1st Class Katherine Perez of Staten Island, N.Y., brought out Blige. Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Duken of Leesville, La. pumped his fists in the air a few times before presenting Spears; Coast Guard Lt. Amy Grable of Boston, Mass. greeted Aerosmith; and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Katherine Ward gave Franklin, a fellow Detroiter, an energetic stage

Backstage, Grable tried to mask her nervousness while meeting Aerosmith, one of her favorite bands. Front man Steven Tyler jokingly felt for a pulse on her wrist before planting a kiss on her cheek. Later the Coast Guard officer excitedly recounted the encounter to her husband over the telephone. NFL legend Joe Theisman - who accompanied Deascanis on stage with another football hero, Joe Namath autographed the jersey he wore before tossing the souvenir to Deascanis.

"The best part about Joe [Theisman] giving me the jersey is that he had signed it for me, I didn't even know it until I held it up," said Deascanis.

Out in the crowd, service members wearing uniforms of every style and color blanketed the audience. They couldn't get over how special the NFL, the performers, and total

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Education on-line dominates interest at college fair



From left, Spc. Troy Murph and Staff Sgt. Benjamin Williams, Headquarters, 115th Military Battalion, discusses the Troops-to-Teachers program with Assistant State Superintendent, Dr. Lawrence E. Leak, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Certification and Accreditation, at the 15th Annual College Fair held at the APG Recreation Center, Aug. 21.

Story and photo by Sonya P. Reynolds APG News

Military and civilian personnel, family members and contractors came out to explore new educational opportunities at the 15th Annual Aberdeen Proving Ground College Fair held Aug. 21 at the APG Recreation Center.

More than 150 visitors came out to support the APG Education Center sponsored event with nearly 30 institutions eager to share information about their programs.

Though not unusual in this day and age, interest from visitors focused on continuing education on-line.

"I want to study for my masters but I have to do it on-line, otherwise I just don't have time to

attend classes on campus," said Monica Stevenson, an Army spouse.

Donald C. Trucksess, Northland Community and Technical College, agreed with Stevenson's view. He said more than 90 percent of the courses they offer are on the World-Wide Web.

"In the next 20 years, the only people taking classes on campus will be the traditional traditionalist," Trucksess said. "No one will have time to attend school on campus. We've been offering distant learning courses since 1972 and we offer special programs for military person-

A word from a traditionalist's point of view begs to differ.

"There's nothing like students having that person to person relationship with the professor and being able to actually graduate from college as opposed to receiving credentials in the mail," said Teri Morris, coordinator, HEAT Center Operations, Harford Community College. adding that visiting the post is a great opportunity to recruit students.

University Rita Traino, Administrator, was somewhere in between on her outlook on education on-line versus attending classes on campus.

"We offer both undergraduate and graduate programs on-line and on campus. Either way it's very beneficial for the university to come out to Aberdeen Proving Ground and recruit military and civilian personnel," Traino said. "We get a lot of recruits every time we participate in this event."

She said that although most of their classes are on-line, they also cater to candidates interested in a classroom setting.

In addition to visitors seeking on-line education, a popular program for military personnel is the Troops-to-Teachers program.

"I'm seeking information on the Troops-to-Teachers program. The colleges have been very helpful," said Spc. Troy Murph, Headquarters, 115th Military Police Battalion. "It is very helpful when you talk to someone directly."

Representatives assisted new comers to college, those continuing education by seeking bachelor's and master's degrees, or provided information about military tuition assistance, counseling, opportunities to CLEP out of classes, veterans benefits, transcript services and the basics of seeing what the various institutions have to offer.

Participating Institutions included Cecil Community College, Central Texas College, Community College of Baltimore, Central Michigan University, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Coppin State College, DeVry University, Excelsior College, Florida Institute of Technology, Goucher College, Harford Community College, John Hopkins University, Liberty University, Morgan State University, Southern Illinois University, Strayer University, TESST College of Technology, Thomas Edison State College, Towson University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland College Park Engineering program, University of Maryland University College and the University of Phoenix.

Participating Program representative included AARTS/SMART Transcript-American Council of Education, Troops-to-Teachers, Veterans Administration, Army Green-to-Gold programs and Financial Aid.

Disabilities no barrier for college students at SBCCOM

For the second consecutive year, the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command participated in the Workforce Recruitment Program for College Students with Disabilities and is being recognized on a national level.

The program is co-sponsored by the Office of Policy, Disability U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Defense.

DoD pays the salaries and years of work experience for more than 150 positions, about 40 in the Army. Students work up to 14 weeks during the summer to help pay for college expenses and gain professional work exposure.

In the bigger picture, however, the program shows management, military and civilian personnel that people with disabilities are capable of taking on professional and technical tasks and doing as well as employees who are not disabled.

Gen. John C. Maj.

Doesburg, commander of SBCCOM and APG, called the program "a valuable resource to the command in accomplishing the mission and providing work experience to a highly motivated group of college students."

Opportunity staff ensures that management officials throughout the command are aware of this important DoD funded program and its value as a source for future permanent candidates," employment Doesburg said.

pant at SBCCOM is Berta Rodriguez. Both she and the command have received special recognition this year and are featured in a Department of the Army brochure that will be distributed to colleges and universities around the coun-

In spite of Berta's disability, Gerry Solomon, a senior analyst in the SBCCOM EEO Office, said she has proven to be a very hard worker, very

conscientious, flexible, adaptable, and a self-starter.

"She is by far one of the best, and she has a certain seriousness about her that I seldom see," he said.

Fred A. Brewington, SBC-COM Equal Employment "My Equal Employment Opportunity manager, said that Rodriguez is an outstanding employee.

"I never have to go behind her and check her work," he added. "With Berta, there's no micromanagement necessary."

Brewington said DoD gives the Army money every year to This year's WRP partici- fill a number of positions. DA transfers that money to the commands, which select outstanding students for the program.

Solomon DoD said announces the program at colleges and universities across the nation, and offers candidates to commands.

"There are two categories of disabilities: targeted disabilities (those which are defined by DoD and generally include very major physical and men-



Photo by SONYA P. REYNOLDS

Workforce Recruitment Program participant, Berta Rodriquez, creates charts as part of her regular responsibilities in assisting the Equal Employment Opportunity manager and senior staff members.

tal impairments) and those which are less major," Solomon said.

Rodriguez first participated in the 2001 WRP at Social Security Administration Headquarters, and she has worked for DA in several different non-appropriated fund child development positions at various Army bases.

The Harford Community College student is working 14 weeks as an Equal Employment Opportunity assistant.

"After I graduate from Harford Community College, I am planning to transfer to Towson University to get my degree in Spanish or, possibly, Civil Rights," Rodriguez said,

out bridges.

adding that she then wishes to pursue a career with growth potential in government.

Her duties have included assisting the EEO manager and senior staff members, numerical analysis, and creating charts. She has also assisted with Special Emphasis Program reports and projects.

Disaster supply list

As recommended by the National Hurricane Center http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/prepare/supply_kit.shtml

Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7

Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days

- non-perishable packaged
- or canned food / juices • foods for infants or the
- elderly • snack foods
 - non-electric can opener
- cooking tools / fuel • paper plates / plastic utensils

Blankets / Pillows, etc. **Clothing** - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes

First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs **Special Items** - for babies

and the elderly Toiletries / Hygiene items /

flood fatalities are automobile

cubic foot and typically flows

downstream at 6 to 12 mph.

When a vehicle stalls in

water, the water's momentum

is transferred to the car. For

Water weighs 62.4 lbs. per

Moisture wipes Flashlight / Batteries

Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio

Cash - Banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods.

Keys

Toys, Books and Games Important documents - in a waterproof container

insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card,

Tools - keep a set with you during the storm

Vehicle fuel tanks filled Pet care items

- proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and
 - a carrier or cage

Danger from flash floods

each foot water rises, 500 lbs. carry away most automobiles.

Nearly half of all flash of lateral force are applied to

muzzle and leash

the car. But the biggest factor

is buoyancy. For each foot

that water rises up the side of

the car, the car displaces 1500

lbs. of water. In effect, the car

weighs 1500 lbs. less for each

Two feet of water will

foot water rises.

Hurricane

From front page

branches from trees.

- Assemble the recommended emergency supplies, such as bottled water, batteries, portable radio, canned goods, manual can opener, first aid kit, etc.

Make sure all family members know how to respond during and after a flood or flash flood.

During a hurricane watch: A hurricane watch is issued

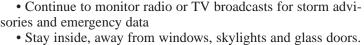
- when hurricane conditions threaten within 24 to 36 hours.
 - Listen to the radio or TV for hurricane progress reports • Review your evacuation plan
 - Check your emergency supplies
- Bring in outdoor items such as lawn furniture, and trashcans and anchor items that cannot be brought inside.
- Fill your car's gas tank. Filling stations may not operate during emergencies. • Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings in the event
- of power outages. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly. • Moor boats securely or move to a designated safe place. Use rope or chain to secure boat to trailer. Use tie-downs to anchor

trailer to the ground or house. **During a hurricane warning:** A hurricane warning is issued when hurricane conditions (winds of 74 mph or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas), are expected in 24 hours or less.

- Listen to the radio or TV for official instructions. Make sure you have a battery-operated radio.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows • If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.

If advised to evacuate:

- Assemble emergency supplies and warm protective clothing. • Secure home, unplug appliances, and turn off electricity and the main water valve.
- Leave as soon as possible. Continue to monitor radio.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes. Shortcuts may be
- Tell someone outside the storm area where you are going. If at home:



- Keep flashlights and batteries handy. Avoid using candles or • If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power
- 'surge" when electricity is restored. After the storm: • Do not return home until the authorities have said it is safe
- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to police, fire or power company workers.
- When entering buildings, use extreme caution. Use only battery-powered lanterns or flashlights. • Check for broken or leaking gas lines, flooded electrical cir-
- cuits, or submerged furnaces or electrical appliances. • Open windows and leave the house if you smell gas. Call to report from a safe distance away.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage. • Drive only if necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed
- Listen to the radio for instructions on assistance and medical care.
- Notify insurance agent of property damage or loss. Following a major hurricane, it may take weeks to restore services and clear roads and several months to remove all the debris

from neighborhoods. Be patient and cooperate with instructions



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Satellite photo Wednesday morning shows the path of Hurrican Isabel moving closer towards the mid-Atlantic. Landfall is expected Thursday morning on the North Carolina coast.

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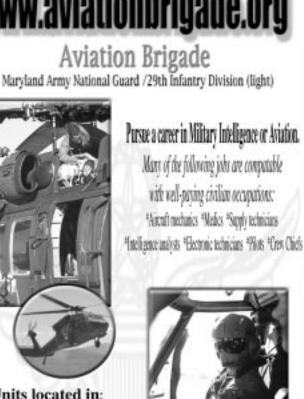
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Brigid Smith, Harford

Community Notes

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19 **CANCER SURVIVORS NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS**

The Baltimore Orioles have teamed with the American Cancer Society and the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center for Cancer Survivors Night at Camden Yards. Upper and lower reserve seats for the 7:05 p.m. game against the Toronto Blue Jays, normally priced at \$15 each, will be sold for \$10. Five dollars from each ticket sold will be donated to the American Cancer Society and the Greenebaum Cancer Center.

At the conclusion of the game, the Orioles will honor cancer survivors with an onfield ceremony. Survivors, family members and friends will create a "Ribbon of Hope" in the outfield grass, with fireworks to follow.

Fans interested in purchasing tickets for Cancer Survivors Night should call 410-547-6177 or fax 410-547-6277.

BINGO AT VFW POST 10028

The Aberdeen Memorial VFW 10028, 821 Old Philadelphia Road, will sponsor bingo every Friday, 5 p.m. Early birds start at 6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Snacks, coffee and drinks are available; there are designated smoking and non-smoking areas. Jackpots include \$1,000, \$500 and \$300 for the last game. For more information, call 410-272-1218.

THURSDAY CONGRESSIONAL REP-MEET WITH RESIDENTS

County representative for

Movies

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.



UPTOWN GIRLS

Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Starring: Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning

Molly is the toast of the New York social scene until her inheritance is stolen by her accountant. She is forced to get a job as a nanny to Ray the daughter of a high power music executive. (PG-13)

FREAKY FRIDAY (FREE ADMIS-SION)

Saturday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. Starring: Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan

In this Disney remake of the 1976 original, Ellen and her daughter, Annabel wish they could exchange bodies so that the other could see what it's like, and then some-

BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM

Saturday Sept. 20, 9 p.m.

how it happens. (PG-13)

Starring: Jonathan Rhys-Meyers, Parminder K. Nagra

A young Indian girl dreams of playing professional soccer, but must hide it from her traditional parents.

Hilarity ensues when her sister's wedding falls on the day of an important soccer match. (PG-13)

Sen. Paul S. Sarbanes, will meet individually with Cecil and Harford County residents Sept. 22 and 25 on matters relating to the federal government and listen to their views and report back to Sarbanes on matters of interest to them before Congress

On Sept. 22, Smith will visit Cecil County, 9 to 10:30 a.m., at the Cecilton Town Hall, 117 West Main Street in Cecilton. She will also visit noon to 2 p.m. at the Cecil County Public Library, Elkton Central Branch, Meeting Room, 301 Newark Avenue, Elkton.

On Sept. 25, Smith will visit Harford County, 12:30 to 3 p.m., at the Harford County Public Library, Edgewood Branch Meeting Room, located on 629 Edgewood Road. For more information, call 410-962-4436.

The meetings do not promote or endorse the views of the program sponsors or presenters.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will hold Lunch and Learn training, noon to 1 p.m. Every three minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer. The American Cancer Society's Tell-A-Friend program encourages women to get annual mammograms.

For more information or to register, call Milgaros

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 BASKET BINGO

The Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce will hold a Basket Bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and bingo begins at 7 p.m.Tickets cost \$10; refreshments will be available.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be earmarked for current chamber projects.

For tickets and additional information, call the Aberdeen Chamber at 410-272-2580.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26 FUNDRAISERTO BENE-FIT CANCER SUR-VIVORS

Help for Oncology Problems and Emotional Support (H.O.P.E.) will hold the Sam Frost Celebration of Life Shrimp and Bull Roast, 7 p.m. to midnight, at Jarrettsville Gardens, 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville. Activities include money wheels, door prizes, and raffles including a .44 carat diamond ring, golf weekends in Ocean City, autographed sports memorabilia and more. A DJ will also provide music. Cost of tickets is \$35 per person (must be 21 years of age or over). All proceeds go to benefit area cancer patients and their families.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 717-227-2824 or 717-993-2481.

For more information about H.O.P.E., visit www.hopelife-

(Editor's note: Sam Frost was a former APG employee.)

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3 COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, but dance lessons will not be provided. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 **EARLY MORNING MARSH CANOETRIP**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring an Early Morning Marsh Canoe Trip, 6:30 to 9 a.m. for ages 8 to adult. Wake up early and be rewarded with a quiet morning on the estuary. The fee is \$4. Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

'BEAVER, OTTER AND MINK, OH MY! **CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is sponsoring a program called Beaver, Otter & Mink - Oh My!, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 7 to 11. Discover how interesting the marsh mammals of Otter Point Creek are with handson activities and a craft. The fee is \$4. Reservations are required and space is limited. For more information, directions, or to make a reservation, call the Estuary Center at 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688. The Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is located at 700 Otter Point Road, Abingdon.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 SIDS ANNUAL BULL ROAST

The Level Volunteer Fire Department located on 3633 Level Village Road, will hold the SIDS Annual Bull Roast from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets cost \$25 per person and include a DJ, dancing and food. There also will be games, door prizes, raffles and more. To purchase tickets or for more information, call Sharon or Chip Cockerham at 410-457-4157. Tickets can be held at the door. All proceeds benefit the Center for Infant and Child Loss.



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Post Shorts

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RAB meeting scheduled

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Sept. 25, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road.

The topics will include updates on the Aberdeen Area Study Areas.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Outdoor Recreation Expo, Oct. 1

Outdoor Recreation is having their Annual Expo on Oct. 1, 10 a.m to 4 p.m. in front of the APG Bowling Center. A supergrill, campers, skis, snowboards, canopies, tents and much more will be on display. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.arm

360th Basic Military Training Wing searches for members

The Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Association, Inc. is searching for all former members of the 360th Military Training Wing who were stationed at Sampson Air Force Base from 1950 to 1956. Former members include all basic trainees, permanent party, Women's Air Force, special schools trainees, officers, noncommissioned officers and former prisoners of war (if POW is deceased, friends and family of the deceased).

For more information, call Chip Phillips, 716-633-1119, e-mail chip34@aol.com or fax 716-633-9118.

EA Office Eagle closes Oct. 1 to 3

Eagle Store will be closed Oct. 1 to 3 to install new retail shelving. For emergency requirements, contact the Office Eagle store manager, John Grizzel, for assistance, at Bible Studies each Monday, 7 410-676-0564, or e-mail p.m. The PWOC will study officeeagleedgewood@attglobal.net.

Workplace Violence Prevention Training available

Workplace Violence Prevention classes training is available for one or two hours and can be used to meet CO2 requirements. Classes can be scheduled for the office, or a location can be arranged. Topics include Community Training, APG's Workplace Violence Program Overview, Diversity in the Workplace and Managing Your Stress.

For more information or to schedule a class, call Paul

Energy tip of the week

When purchasing cleaning supplies, buy as little as needed. Buy less-toxic or nontoxic supplies when possible.

> -APG Pollution Prevention Program

Papp at 410-306-1079. Send e-mail paul.papp@usag.apg.army.mil

Openings available with **BRAVO** Army Theatre

BRAVO Army Theatre Touring Company, an Army Entertainment program, is seeking two performers and two technicians for their fall show. Auditions and rehearsals begin Oct. 1 through Nov. 6 for the comedy "The Farley Family Reunion." The show begins a worldwide tour through Feb. 27, 2004.

For more information, call BRAVO Sgt Tobin Atkinson at 703-806-3702 or DSN 656-3702, or e-mail tobin.atkinson@cfsc.army.mil.

Job opportunity at

A temporary Education Coordinator contract position (not to exceed one year) is available at the Army Substance Abuse Program at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

To qualify, applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, specialized experience with the duties of the Army Substance Abuse Program Education Coordinator position and at least two years experience working with a substance abuse program.

For more information or to apply, contact Jereta Coyle at Jareta.Coyle@usag.apg.army.

Installation Prayer Breakfast scheduled

The Annual Fall Prayer Breakfast will be held 6:30 a.m., Oct. 15, in Top of the Bay's main dining area. Guest speaker will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Moon of the Northeast Region Office, U.S. Army Installation Management Agency. The suggested donation is \$5.

For more information or for The Edgewood Area Office tickets, call the Post Chapel at 410-278-4333.

PWOC Bible Studies

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will hold the new

Beth Moore's "Jesus The One register, And Only."

For more information, call Cindy Sepulveda at 410-306-

On Thursdays, 9 a.m., the PWOC will hold four Bible Studies to include After the Boxes Are Unpacked, moving on after moving in; A Heart Like His, a study in the life of David; Good and Angry, developing character in your children; and the 10 Commandments, a deep look at God's law. The studies began

For more information, call the APG Chapel at 410-4333. Child care will be provided.

Playmornings for parents and children

Parents and Children Together will hold Play-mornings for parents and children under six years old, 9:30 to 11 a.m., each Monday, APG Chapel Room 5; each Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m., APG Chapel Room 5; and each Thursday, 10 to 11:30 a.m., EA Youth Center Gym.

Have fun and meet other parents while the children interact with each other.

For more information, call Diana Hayes, PACT program coordinator, Army Community Service at 410-278-4322.

Basic Spanish Class

The Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program will offer a free Spanish class each Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 18 through Oct. 23, at ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road.

Military personnel, APG DoD civilians, and family members are eligible to attend.

A trip to Spain or Latin America will be more enjoyable after a course in basic grammar and conversation. The class will focus on reallife situations.

Students will learn the basic structure and vocabulary of the Spanish language, learn to order meals, go sightseeing, ask directions, and have basic conversation as they learn about the Spanish-speaking culture through books and tapes and from the personal

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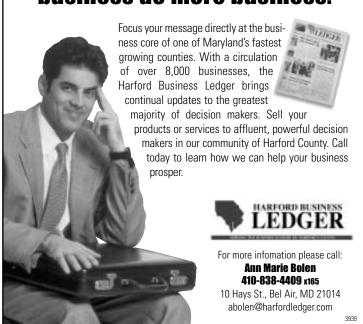
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Listening time is five hours or more. Each listener will be

paid \$10 per hour. Qualified listeners can participate in one or more studies

contact Paula Henry, 410-278phenry@arl.army.mil, or Martha Dennison, 410-278-5918, mjdennis@arl.army.mil.

Interested volunteers should

Ordnance Museum hours

The U.S. Army Ordnance Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily, and closed all holidays except Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans

For more information, call 410-278-3602 or visit Web site www.ordmusfound.org.

Veterans needed

The Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs is compiling a list of veterans who are interested in becoming members of a speakers' bureau to attend and participate in local functions.

This resource list will consist of veterans from all eras to present a balanced perspective of the costs to maintain free-

Any veteran who would like to be included on this list, or who wishes to discuss this project, should contact Mike Poulin, Harford Community College designee to the commission, at 410-836-4172 or email him at mpoulin@harford.cc.md.us.

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A flag that once flew over the Pentagon decorates the Table of Remembrance on Fanshaw Field during the Patriot Day Ceremony, Sept. 11.

APG remembers 9-11

Photos by RALPH BROTH



Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert L. Larsen conducts the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).



Following remarks by Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, the 16th Ordnance Battalion firing squad delivers a 21-gun salute.



Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, gives remarks.

Remember

From front page

Also on the field in attendance was the 16th Ordnance Battalion color guard and firing party and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), led by Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert L. Larsen.

Burdick welcomed guests, informing them that President Bush proclaimed Sept. 11, 2003, Patriot Day, and that the folded flag displayed on a table in front of the podium, had been flown over the Pentagon.

He added that the 121st Infantry is deployed here to support installation security.

"They represent those around the world engaged in the fight against terrorism," Burdick said.

Lt. Col. Carol Van Schenkhof, Garrison chaplain, delivered the invocation, asking for continued blessings from God.

"We know you were with those who suffered and lost their lives," she said. "Please continue to comfort those who go on."

Doesburg said that for those old enough to remember, the Kennedy assassination is similar to Sept. 11.

"Each of us will always remember where we were when we heard the news two years ago," Doesburg said. "In the quiet moments of today, we can all remember how we felt."

He called for a moment of silence to honor the 343 New York City police officers and firefighters who sacrificed all when the World Trade Center collapsed and for those killed in the Pentagon and on Flight

"Let us pause to remember the patriots for which this day

was named," Doesburg said. He said that since the tragedies, Americans have found new heroes in the service members who also have

lost lives in the war against ter-

"I think we can all live with the thought that the military will continue to play an enormous role in the war on terror," Doesburg said, adding that civilians also are contributing, supporting the installation mobilization mission and deploying with one of the two units that provided support in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I couldn't be prouder of what our people are doing," he said.

"Today is a day not just of sorrow, but a day of our future," Doesburg said.

All stood as the 16th Ordnance Battalion firing party, led by Sgt. 1st Class Harvey Thomas, delivered a 21-gun salute and Spc. Lucas Ketelson, bugler, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), played

After the program, as most filed silently back to work, some commented on what the ceremony meant to them.

"It was important to me to come out and pay tribute to our military, police and firefighters said Charlee Lyons, a communications worker with DOIM.

"September 11 is a part of our lives from now on," added Fred Posadas, Community Service. "Every year, we will relive that day over and over again."

John Sawyer, the driver for Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, said he "Missed all the soldiers being

"This should be a day when we close up shop and give everyone the opportunity to show their respect," Sawyer

Steve Pierce, a DOIM audio technician, said the ceremony served to, "remind us where we have came from since."

"This country was based on worshipping God and because of 9-11, that's what a lot of us went back to," Pierce said.



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

Lonestar lead singer Richie McDonald pumps up the crowd attending the Morale, Welfare and Recreation country concert on Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field, Sept. 12.



Sgts. 1st Class Adrian Disneros, left, and Troy Panter, volunteers from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, prepare cups of beer for thirsty fans.



Illene Lee and her granddaughter Faith DeHaven, 5, stay dry under their umbrellas as they enjoy the Lonestar/Trace Adkins concert.



Trace Adkins belts out his hit single, "Ain't No Thinkin' Thing" to open the concert.

Fans brave the rains to attend concert

Story and photos by Yvonne Johnson APG News

tion," Allison said.

About 5,000 country music fans braved monsoon-like rains to watch country music's Lonestar and special guest, Trace Adkins light up the stage on Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shine Sports Field, Sept. 12.

Adkins opened the show "No Thinkin' Thing (This Ain't)," around 8 p.m. and delivered old favorites like "Chrome," and "Every Night in the House," as well as new releases off his Greatest Hits Collection: Volume 1 CD, like "One Hot Momma," "Welcome to Hell," and his most recent No. 1 single, "And They Do."

Lonestar followed soon after, performing such favorites as "Not a Day Goes By," "Walking in Memphis," "My Front Porch Looking In," and "I'm Already There," as fans screamed and sang along.

Marni Allison, chief, MWR Programs Branch, said the show and the turnout was better than expected despite the soggy

"The talent was fantastic. They were getting soaked every time they turned around but they still gave the fans a good show," Allison said.

She said the MWR staff and Army Entertainment crew and volunteers worked hard all week to build the venue and operate

it in less than ideal conditions.

"Our staff and volunteers were the heart of the entire produc-

Bank One, Pepsi Twist, Jack Daniels Country Cocktails and Gillette and local supporters, WPOC radio, Mobile Mini Inc., Spot-a-Pot, and Mary Kay, just to name a few.

"Without the generosity of corporations like these, a show with this level of talent would never happen," she said. "We look forward to next year."

Chris Lockhart, sponsorship coordinator, stated that MWR is always looking for sponsors for year-round events.

Much of the behind the scenes work was credited to numerous groups including the Freestate ChalleNGe cadets, service members and spouses who worked the refreshment concessions, the gates, assisted the stage crew and cleaned up afterwards.

Earlene Allen, senior MWR programmer, stated that the Freestate ChalleNGe Corps cadets performed all tasks assigned with little or no supervision.

"Their efforts helped make the event a success," Allen said. Monte Greenhow, the first sergeant and assistant commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, led a group of 15 volunteers at one of three refreshment tents that supplied hot dogs, chips, beer, coolers and sodas to fans.

"We're just out here to support MWR for all they do for our soldiers," Greenhow said.

"We get to support the installation and have a good time doing it," added Gunnery Sgt. Michael Ryan of the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment. Ryan led a group of nearly 30 Marines who assisted in concession, radio and stage operations.

In addition, Tech. Sgt. Paul Gilmore of the U.S. Air Force

She added thanks to the national sponsors, Miller Lite, AT&T, Detachment, led 16 volunteers, including six family members.

"We had no trouble getting volunteers for this," Gilmore said. "We'll have a good time despite the weather."

Fans agreed the show was worth the discomfort.

Illene Lee of Conowingo watched comfortably from under her umbrella along with her daughter, Melissa and granddaughter Faith DeHaven, 5.

A "die hard" Lonestar fan, Lee said she always enjoys APG concerts.

"I was here for Alabama and John Michael Montgomery. We always have a good time at APG," she said.

"We love both Lonestar and Trace Adkins," added Joyce Baker of White Marsh who was accompanied by her daughter, mother and son-in-law.

"We get to see our favorites for a great price. That's why we keep coming back," Baker said.

Along with the volunteers, officers from the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security maintained a visible presence, conducting crowd control, traffic and security operations to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for all.

The evening culminated with Lonestar, led by Richie McDonald, dedicating it's hit single, "I'm Already There," to America's armed forces.

"This song is dedicated to the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines defending America all over the world," McDonald said as fans roared their approval.

"Thank you for all you do."



Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Activities

Methods of registration

Registering for any MWR event can be accomplished by visiting the specific facility for the event, mailing in a registration form found in an MWR Program Brochure, visiting the MWR Registration, 3326, or online www.apgmwr.com.

Military Salute Basket Bingo

The Aberdeen Fire Hall will host Military Basket Bingo Sept. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. There will be food, drinks and baked goods available. Purchase tickets at MWR Registration or at the door. For more information, call Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or estacie.umbarher at ger@usag.apg.army.mil.

Aqueduct Flea Market

Visit one of the largest flea markets in the United States Sept 27. With over 1,000 vendors from furniture to toys, there is something for everyone. Register by Sept. 18. Cost is \$36. Bus will pick up from Ames Shopping Center in Edgewood at 7 a.m. and from the Ollie's Shopping Center in Aberdeen at 7:15 a.m.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

White House Christmas ornaments have arrived

MWR Registration has the latest White House Christmas ornaments for \$15 but supplies are limited. For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Putting championships

Test those putting skills in a putt putt contest on Ruggles Golf Course putting green Sept. 27, 5 to 6 p.m.

Cost is \$15. Register by Sept. 19. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail him at tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Outdoor Recreation Expo, Oct 1

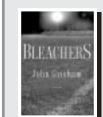
Outdoor Recreation is having its Annual Expo on Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the APG Bowling Center. A supergrill, campers, skis, snowboards, canopies, tents and much more will be on display.

For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124 or e-mail outdoor.recreation@usag.apg.army.mil.

Library Book Corner

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The following is a list of some of the new books at the APG MWR libraries:



Bleachers by John Grisham

In a departure from his usual fare, Grisham introduces Neely Crenshaw who has come home to bury his old high school coach, Eddie Rake. As he and other former players sit in the bleachers waiting for the dimming field lights to signal his passing, they replay the old games, relive the old glories,

and try to decide once and for all if they love Eddie Rake, or hate him.

The Hotel Riviera by Elizabeth Adler

Render Unto Caesar by Gillian Bradshaw

Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do by Pearl Cleage

Lost by Joy Fielding

The Sinner by Tess Gerritsen

Foul Matter by Martha Grimes

Love Me by Garrison Keillor

Every Secret Thing by Laura Lippman

Storytime will be held at 9:45 every other week during the fall at the Edgewood branch on Tuesday and the Aberdeen branch on Wednesday. For more information call 410-278-3341.

The library's online catalog can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html.

Fall/winter bowling leagues forming

Fall/winter bowling leagues are just around the League, for any combination corner, including ladies, men's, mixed, cosmic and youth.

Monday Night Crazy Trio begins 22. Sept. Start bowling at 6:30 p.m., for any combination of people, \$10/person/week, 12 weeks.

Monday Football Widows Trio begins Sept. 22. Bowling

begins at 7 p.m., \$10/person/week, 10 weeks.

League begins Sept. 23. Bowling starts at 6:30 p.m. for any combination of bowlers, \$10/person/week for 12 weeks.

Saturday Cosmic Trio of people, begins Sept. 13, 1 to 3 p.m. Bowling includes three games, \$10/person/week for eight

weeks, skipping Oct. Handicap will be established after the first week.

> Sunday Happy Trio starts Sept. 28, 3 p.m. Bowl three games for \$10/person/week. Handicap will be established after the first week.

Tuesday Intramural Trio begins Jan. 13, \$5/person/week, 10 weeks.

Wednesday Mixed, which Tuesday Rock & Roll Trio includes two men and two women, is taking sign ups.

> Anyone interested in signing up should call 410-278-4041 or stop by the Bowling Center.

MWR announces first APG Open Championship

The Community Recreation seniors will play from gold Division will hold the First APG Open Championship on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19. Tee time is 7:30 a.m. at Ruggles Golf Course. Individual

stroke play is open to anyone. Those without established USGA handicaps will play in the

Open Division. Divisions will include seniors, ladies and junior divisions, if participation warrants. The Open Division will play from the black tees, flights will play from the blue tees, juniors will

tees and ladies will play from the red. There must be six players per division. Draft beer and sodas includ-

ed following golf each day. Cost of entry is

\$50 for annual patrons juniors under 18 years of age, \$75 for DoD civilian employees and retirees, active duty military and retirees and

\$100 for the public. Register by Oct. 13 at

Ruggles Golf Course. For more information, call

Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail him play from the white tees, tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Arts & Crafts

Stained Glass class

This beginning class will teach students how to make a simple sun catcher using the copper foil method. Class will be held Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Edgewood Arts & Crafts building E-4440.

A \$25 cost includes supplies.

To register call or visit MWR during hours of operation, or online at www.apgmwr.com.

For more information, contact Holly Shisler at 410-436-2153 or holly.shisler@usag.apg.army.mil.

Storytime at APG libraries to be held this fall Storytime will be held at and the Aberdeen branch on

9:45 a.m. every other week during the fall at the Edgewood branch on Tuesday 278-3341.

Wednesday.

For more information, call

'Action Hero Bowling' coming to APG

The Action Hero Bowling Club for families and kids of all ages begins Sept. 22 and costs \$10 per week per person, for 17 weeks. The new family club gives bowlers the opportunity to purchase officially licensed Action Hero bowling balls. Upon completion of the club, bowlers can choose a bowling ball featur-

ing either Spider-Man or The Incredible Hulk, which glows under blacklight.

For more information or to see the Action Hero bowling balls, visit the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, or call Dave Brewner at 410-278-4041 or e-mail dave.brewner@usag.apg.army.mil.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON/YOUTH EDUCATION

PARENT'S WORKSHOP

APG Child and Youth Services, Outreach Services and Youth Education Support Services will host the Military Child Education Coalition's 'Parent Workshop' on Sept. 23, 6 to 8 p.m., at Top of the Bay, building 30.

Dr. Mary M. Keller, executive director of the Military Child Education Coalition, will lead the training session.

Workshop topics will range from learning about K-12 school transition, preparing for a move and expectations, to understanding school culture, working through challenges and social-emotional support.

Seating capacity is limited to the first 50 people who sign-up. To reserve a seat, call Pat Palazzi, CYS Outreach Services director, building 2752 at 410-278-7479 or leave a message.

For more information, call Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

APGYOUTH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM ACCEPTS NOMINA-**TIONS**

In January 2001, Child and Youth Services launched a new program called 'Youth of the Year,' in cooperation with Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Since that time, the program has undergone changes and revision based on lessons learned, and now has a new look.

The program is all about teen leadership, character and service. The official nomination period runs September through December. The program is competitive in nature because teens will be competing for top honors at their youth center and a chance to receive recognition, scholarship money, and the honor of representing APG at the state competition in Annapolis, Md.

Four APG youths have had that honor over the past two years.

Students currently in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade in high school, maintain a "C" average or above, are a member of the youth center, consider themselves to be a leader among their peers, and us someone who likes a contest and the challenge of hard work and competition, then this is an opportunity to check out.

To apply, visit a local youth center and pick up an APG "Youth of the Year" information and official nomination packet at the front desk. Youth Services staff will be glad to answer questions and help get the process started.

In December, a Youth of the Year panel will convene for the purpose of reviewing all completed official nomination forms and interviewing each teen applicant to select the youth of the year winners.

TIMELINE

- · Official nomination form is due Friday, Dec. 5, by 4:30 p.m.
- Youth of the Year selection panel meets
- · Leadership Dinner and Speaker for all program participants, January 2004. Date and time to be announced.
- "Youth of the Year" Awards Ceremony at the Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902. Date and time to be announced.
- State of Maryland Boys and Girls Club of America Youth of the Year recognition and awards event, Annapolis, March 2004. Date and time to be announced.

For more information about the program. call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.



Photo by LA'MONT HARBISON

Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, left, poses with members of Lonestar, from left, Dean Sams, Keech Rainwater, Richie McDonald and Michael Britt.

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to

Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). **Employees leaving the program** should contact Melda Callender, 410-278-8997, or e-mail melda.callender@usag.apg.army.mil, to complete a termination form.

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How to stop junk mail

Susannah Dowell

Throughout September, the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment will promote pollution prevention awareness with a series of articles about easy ways for individuals to prevent pollution at work and at home.

The articles, provided by the staff of the Pollution Prevention Program, will compliment National Pollution Prevention Week, which is celebrated during the third week of September. It is a time when businesses, environmental groups, and citizens join forces to reemphasize and encourage pollution preven-

Every year, 4 million tons of junk mail is sent, 44 percent of which is never even opened. From items ordered online or from catalogues purchases, to telemarketers obtaining addresses from creditors, most organizations resell address information to other companies, revealing a target for more unwanted junk mail.

Although it can often be recycled, junk mail is often made from virgin paper, a very limited natural resource. Reducing the amount of junk mail before it is sent is the best option, as recycling requires energy and resources and makes its own impact on the environment.

Here are some steps to take as a consumer to reduce the amount of junk mail received:

- Remove your name and address from most national mailing lists by contacting the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008. The request will be active for three to five years.
- Envelopes with "Address Correction Requested" or "Return Postage Guaranteed" can be returned unopened. Cross out the address and bar code, circle the first-class postage and write "Refused - Return to Sender" on the envelope. The sender will have to pay for the return postage. (Returning bulk is futile since the post office just throws it away.)
- When shopping on line, make sure to log out of e-mail before shopping.
- Contact credit card companies, and ask them not to sell your name.
- When donating money to a charity or nonprofit group, enclose a note requesting that the organization not rent, sell or exchange your name and address with anyone else.
 - Have your name removed from nationwide

sweepstakes like Publishers Clearinghouse. 101 Channel Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050, 1-800-645-9242, or send e-mail to pch@ant.net; Reader's Digest, Readers Digest Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570, 1-800-234-9000; or American Family Publishers, P.O. Box 62000, Tampa, FL 33662, 1-800-237-2400.

- Do not fill out product warranty cards. They are used to collect information on habits and income.
- Never provide bank, credit card company, or any merchant with home telephone number. If required to provide a telephone number, provide a work or cell number. Also, never enter contests that require a home telephone number. Using the home telephone numbers of consumers is one of the many ways that telemarketers use to look up names and home address-
- Be cautious about placing pictures, addresses and telephone numbers on the
- Store "club" cards are used with price scanners to track purchases which result in more junk mail. This is especially easy for the store to do if using their proprietary "club" or "member" card. Avoid using these cards if at all

possible.

A consumer might not think they alone have the power to help the environment. But to make one ton of paper, these resources are needed:

- 17 trees
- 7,000 gallons of water
- 4200 kWh (enough to heat a home for six months)
- 390 gallons of oil
- 60 pounds of air pollutants

If only 100,000 people stopped their junk mail, up to 150,000 trees a year could be saved. If every American citizen recycled one out of every 10 of their newspapers, 25 million trees would be saved annually. So it is true-one person can make a difference environmentally simply by recycling the paper received and by removing names from junk mail lists.

(Editors note: Information compiled by Susannah Dowell, Ecco Verde, Inc. contract employee with Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Pollution Prevention Office, was provided courtesy http://www.greenhome.com/learn/reduce/Jun

k.shtml http://www.richmond.ky.us/Recycling/Whyto.htm.)



Spc. Lucas Ketelsen, 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), plays "Taps" as the Harford County Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians color guard presents the colors.

Ceremony

From front page

of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, caught the first pitch from Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson, then presented commemorative T-shirts to the line

The Harford Fire and Police squad prevailed over the APG team 19-13 in a seven inning game that saw a flurry of home runs and fancy base running.

The APG All Stars included Sgt. 1st Class James Smith, coach; Command Sgt. Maj. David Vreeland, CHPPM; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Paul Dailey, Criminal Investigation Division; Warrant Officers Edil Gonzalez and Andre White, Company E 16th, Sgts. 1st Class Terry Bonine and Lester Daniels, HHC 16th; Staff Sgts. Antonio Caver, HHC 16th, Donny Skinner, 520th TAML, Nate Brown,

520th TAML; William Headquarters Benjamin, Support Troop; and Sgt. Thomas Weathers, 520th

The Harford County Fire and Police Department team included Ray Orf, coach, and John Harris, and Randy McRoberts, Havre de Grace Fire Department; Dan Gosnell, Dale Budnick, Fred Budnick, Steve Hinch, Al Servern, Aberdeen Police Department; Don Crites, Don Hopps, Harford County Sheriff Department; Brain Pascuzzi, Maryland Department of Parole; Jimmy Russell, Maryland State Police; Ray Perryville Ryan, Department; Frank Graziano, Henry Marchesani, Bel Air Police Department.

Donations received went to the Harford County 9/11 Memorial.

(For more on the game, see Sports, page 13.)

The pressure's on...to lower blood pressure

SMHS, Inc.

High blood pressure is a serious condition that affects millions of Americans. Fortunately, high blood pressure can be controlled and prevented.

There are no symptoms for high blood pressure, so a patient may feel fine and still have this condition. Always have blood pressure checked when visiting a doctor. High blood pressure readings after two check-ups can be considered a problem.

Prevent high blood pressure by making small lifestyle changes. For instance, exercising each day and maintaining a healthy body weight can greatly reduce blood pressure. Also, eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains and following a low-salt diet will lower the risk for high blood

A doctor may also prescribe medication to help *Health*.)

lower blood pressure. Take the medicine at the same time each day for optimal results. In addition, tell the doctor about all the medications currently being taken, including over-the-counter drugs, as these may affect blood pres-

For assistance with questions about high blood pressure, call the 24-hour Health Care Information Line. The line is staffed by registered nurses who can help determine the non-emergency or self-care needed and can provide information on health issues. Call 1-800-308-3518 anytime, day or night to speak to a nurse or to access the Health Information Library (Pin #208).

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strangers attending the concert with them made them feel. Tyler thanked the military several times from stage, repeatedly telling them the performance was "all about you."

"It's nice to walk around and have people stop you to shake your hand and thank you for your service," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Ty Keast, a retention NCO from Fort Meade, Md., who attended with his wife, Sandy, 7-year-old son, Travis, and stepson Pfc. Robert Schmidt, an Army truck driver based at the same post. "We definitely feel appreciated."

The no-cost aspect of the concert and big-name headliners were common draws for most service members, who didn't seem to mind trudging through - or dancing in - pools of mud and muck, messy remnants of the rain that stopped on cue as Good Charlotte took the stage at 6 p.m. But Air Force Staff Sgt. Jermaine Williams, who brought his wife, Nakoacha, and children Joshua, 2, and Jermaine Jr., 4, had another reason for com-

"I'm here to show my appreciation and respect for all those who couldn't make it here," said Williams, a member of the 89th Physiological Training Flight at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

About 50 soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga., came close to not making it when a flat tire temporarily sidelined the commercial bus that eventually delivered them to the Mall. They, and another 50 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga. riding in a second bus, arrived just in time to see Spears bump and grind her way

Ten hours on the road was more than worth it for Spc. Tanya Powell, a mechanic with the division's 203rd Forward Support Battalion. She commandeered a prime spot in front of the stage along with Spc. Trinia Gabriel, an automated logistical specialist with the 203rd, Spc. Gladys Jones, a unit cook, and Sgt. 1st Class Lucius Moses, a senior military policeman with the brigade's headquarters company.

"We could almost touch Steven Tyler!" said Powell, relating the best part of the experience.

Rocking to the rhythms in the night air was a soothing balm to the emotional strains Moses and so many other service members brought home from Iraq and other overseas hot spots. Most of the brigade returned to Georgia in mid-July, but the sadness of trying - mostly without success - to help Iraqis desperate to find relatives who vanished during Saddam Hussein's reign still weighs on Moses.

"It's great to be here, seeing a bunch of fellow Americans and soldiers enjoying themselves in a happy atmosphere," said Moses. "Being here, seeing all of these monuments, it's like a dream almost. And it's not everyday you're special enough to go to the front of the line."

The appreciation continued to flow miles away at FedEx Stadium, where the concert gave way to the season opening game between the Washington Redskins and the New York Jets. The game, broadcast on several Jumbotrons throughout the National Mall, featured a presentation to four Purple Heart recipients, home from Operation Iraqi Freedom, representing the Army, Air Force and Marines; a multi-service Honor Guard from

by the Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps from Washington,

Several hours before game time the three-person honor guards, representing each of the five services, waited patiently for the tarp to be removed from the field in order to conduct what turned out to be a delayed and hurried practice.

Following a quick walkthrough, they gathered in a makeshift dressing room in the bowels of the stadium. After donning their crisp ceremonial uniforms, each crew practiced their precision rifle routines, finding enough open space to maneuver in the cramped confines of the room in order to be sharp for their onfield appearance.

"Its going to mean a lot to me to be in front of these people. And when they look at us and say we look good, that's what matters. We are representing every one that has been in [the service] and that is in now, and that's what we have to remember," said Seaman Brandon Kelly, of the Coast Guard contingent.

As part of the pre-game ritual, the honor guards marched smartly out onto the field, staggered at five-yard intervals. Standing in front of an immense U.S. banner cut in the shape of the country, each flag bearer dipped his service's flag, as the National Anthem was simulcast from the National Mall.

One of the participants in the Purple Heart presentation, Army Sgt. 1st Class Everett Morrow, was introduced to the crowd as an observer for the pre-game coin toss. Chatting on the sideline with referee Walt Coleman, the two rushed to mid-field when the TV cue came and stood between the captains of the two teams as Coleman flipped the coin to get the game started.

"I think the NFL recognition is great so people can get to see first hand some of the soldiers who are working hard to defend our country," said Morrow as he surveyed the crowd.

The 90-strong "Commandant's Own" Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps provided the halftime musical entertainment. Resplendent in their red dress uniforms, the unit played "Bugle Call Rag" as they executed their drill routine on the field.

This was the Drum and Bugle Corps first performance at FedEx Field though they've played large stadiums before, most recently at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in July. "I loved it. I really like big audiences and attentive audiences," said Cpl. Tiffany Hanson, a mellophone bugler who's played with the Bugle Corps for two years.

As the band marched off the field, the four Purple Heart recipients strode to mid-field for a special presentation that included the awarding of lifetime memberships in the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The recipients were introduced to resounding cheers from the crowd by Sen. Chuck Hagel, senior senator from Nebraska, who was twice awarded the Purple Heart during Army service in the Vietnam War. The recipients were:

Army Sgt. 1st Class Everett Morrow, 34, of Selma, Ala., a platoon sergeant in the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Benning, Ga. Morrow's platoon fought against Iraqi Republican Guard soldiers in April as they made their way into central Baghdad, drawing rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire. Morrow continued to fight even after suffering bullet wounds in the chest and forearm.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Robert Disney, 25, of Bethany, Ill., a member of the 38th Rescue Squadron from Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga. Disney was hit in the neck by enemy fire

while flying on a helicopter in April during a mission. Army Spc. Jason Lang, 22, a Washington, D.C. native who

the Military District of Washington; and a halftime performance was wounded in April when a convoy he was riding in came under attack in Iraq, where his reserve unit, the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, Riverdale Park, Md., was helping restore the Iraqi Ministry of Health.

> Marine Corps Cpl. Gardner Meija, 23, of Roselle, New Jersey, who was injured in April when a rocket propelled grenade exploded near him while serving as a fire team leader in Baghdad with A Co., 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I'm happy. I've never been this close to an event like this. I think it's outstanding. It's great," said Mejia, who stood on the sideline next to the Redskins bench for most of the game with his fellow Purple Heart recipients.

The stirring ceremony touched even the most hyped-up football fans.

"It's nice to see service members recognized," said Craig Dockery of Burke, Va., who, with his wife, Cindy, attended the game in full Redskins regalia, "It's nice to see the public is supportive of the military regardless of their opinion of the war."

For all of the kudos heaped on them by the NFL, the performers and the general public, military members were thankful event organizers included their family members in the tribute.

"This is a good thing they're doing, especially getting the dependents involved," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Denise Yeakel, who turned the concert into a girls night out with her teenage daughters, Jessica and Jennifer. "They definitely deserve some appreciation. My husband is a single parent when I'm gone."

Yeakel, who also has a 6-year-old son, recently returned from a security mission in the Mediterranean with Inshore Boat Unit 26. She served previously in the Persian Gulf on another security mission from November 2001 until May 2002.

The concert was a father-son outing for Coast Guard Petty Officer Chris Stinchfield, who cooks in the executive dining facility in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, and 12year-old Christian. Good Charlotte and Aerosmith are the boy's favorite bands, which he watched excitedly from the front stage

Unlike his days in Iraq, there was no stress or fear for Simms, the Army specialist from Walter Reed, as he soaked up the concert energy. He couldn't help but think about his buddies that remain overseas.

"I wish a lot of the guys over there could get a taste of this." said Simms, watching Blige sway and swoon on a Jumbotron. "Some of them are so secluded, with no telephones. Some haven't talked to their family for four or five months."

Still, Simms believes tributes like this go a long way in lifting morale - even if so many of the troops deserving of the recognition aren't getting the pats on the back in person. More than 800,000 servicemen and women in 165 countries were able to watch the concert as it was broadcast worldwide on the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service.

"A lot of people think of the war as being over, but there's stuff going on everyday," said Simms. "People over there just want to know they have support back home and that people here are thinking about them."

(Editor's note: Army Sgt 1st Class Alan Mitchell, Staff Sgt. Carmen Maldonado, Spc. Lisa Lotter and Pfcs. Andrew Hillegass and James Cornwell of Operation Tribute to Freedom contributed to this article.)

Harford County out blasts APG All Stars in the Battle of Guns and Hoses game, 19-13

Yvonne Johnson APG News

Harford County's finest were just a little too sharp for the Aberdeen Proving Ground All Star softball team, as it dropped the inaugural Battle of the Guns and Hoses softball game to the emergency responders, 19-13 at Ripken Stadium, Sept. 11.

The game was held in conjunction with the remembrance ceremony to mark the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and all donations went to the Harford County 9-11 foundation.

The teams included soldiers from APG and police officers and firefighters from Aberdeen Police Department, Harford County Sheriff Department, Maryland State Police, the Maryland Department of Probation and volunteers from the Perryville, Bel Air and Aberdeen fire departments. James Smith, a sergeant first class with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade coached the APG team while the Harford fire and police were coached by Ray Orf, a firefighter with the Susquehanna Company in Havre de Grace.

The APG team consisted of noncommissioned and commissioned officers, most of who participated in the intramural sports program. Most said they were honored to be included in the 9-11 remembrance festivities.

"I'm just happy to be out HHC great guys," said team pitcher Paul Dailey, a warrant officer



Maj. Gen John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, far right, stands with the APG All Star softball team during the playing of the national anthem at the start of the Guns and Hoses softball game at Ripken Stadium, Sept. 11.

Division.

"We're gonna put the wuppin' on tonight," added Nate Brown, a staff sergeant with the 520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory and the most valuable player for the 143rd Ordnance here playing with a bunch of Battalion post championship

Other experienced players with the Criminal Investigation included Lester Daniels, a

sergeant first class with the 16th Ordnance Battalion who helped the Army win the All Army Softball Championship in Texas in August, and David Vreeland, a shortstop and command sergeant major with the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine who also plays in local leagues and who led his team to a third place

finish for the post championship.

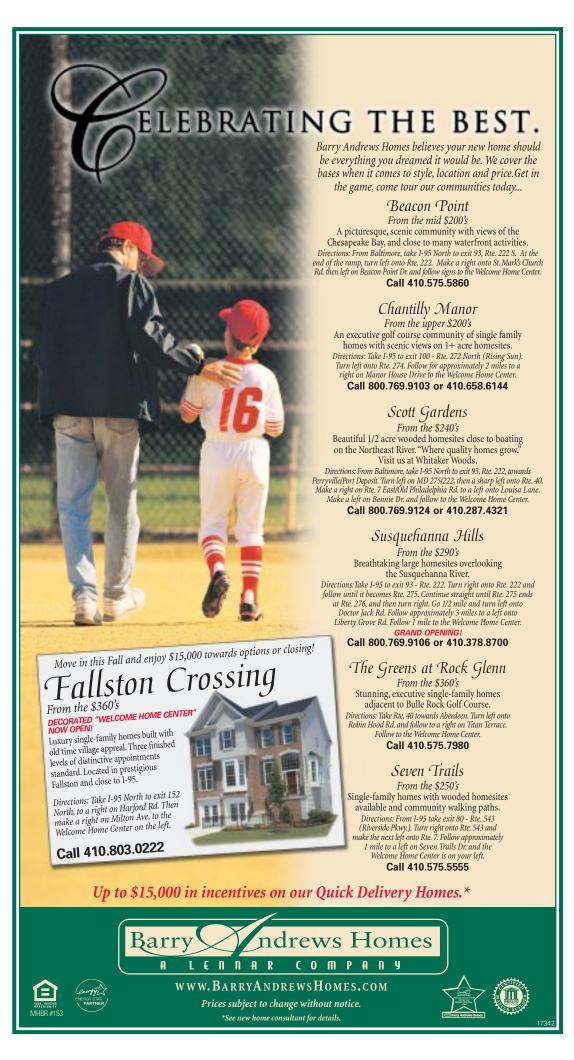
The Guns took an early lead in the first inning with a threerun blast from Daniels that cleared the left fence.

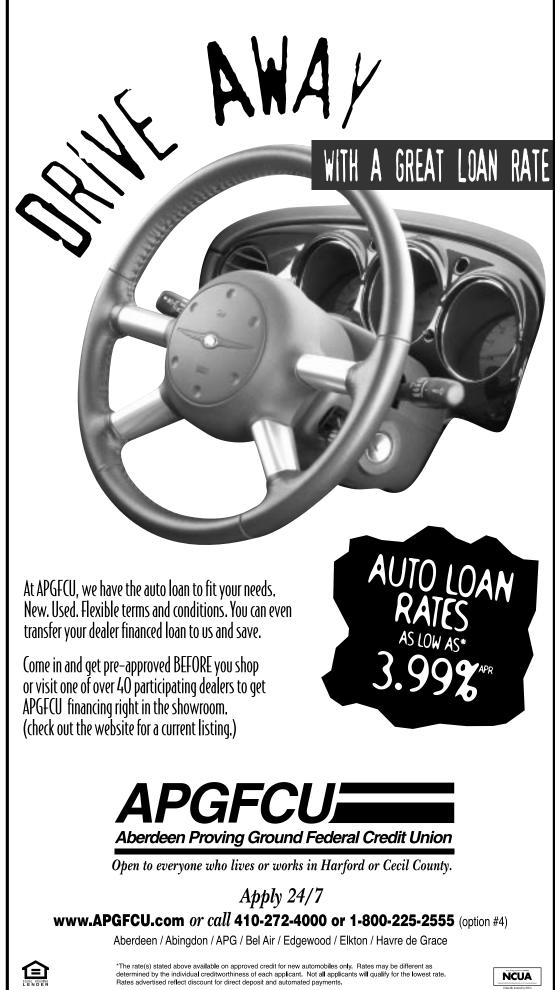
Harford started slow but soon tied it up 4-4 in the second inning then broke it open in the fourth to go up 11-7.

Jimmy Russell, a Maryland State trooper and the games MVP, launched a two-run out ended the game, squashing homer in the bottom of the any thoughts of a rally. sixth followed by an RBI dou-Orf said the team was excit-

these guys just love to play," solo homer, an RBI single and Orf said. "Hopefully, we'll two RBI triples in the bottom meet again next year." of the seventh, but a ground

ble from Steve Hinch of the ed by the win and that he Aberdeen Police Department hoped the game was the start for a 19-8 lead that pretty much sealed the win for the of a long tradition. Hoses. "They were a good team but APG battled back with one





OC&S sergeant major stays on track with riding mower



61st Ordnance Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres tears up the track on his Army of One racing mower during a recent race in Maryland.



Ordnance Center and Schools' headquarters.

Yvonne Johnson APG News

Lawn mower racing isn't NASCAR but for some it's the next best thing.

The riding mower racing craze is sweeping the country and an Aberdeen Proving Ground command sergeant major is making a name for himself in the local racing cir-

Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools is in his second year of racing his 12 hp "Army of One" riding lawn mower.

Torres has participated in all over Maryland/Delaware region and recently returned from American National Lawnmower Racing Championship in Mansfield, Ohio, where he finished in the top 10.

"It was a great experience and a good showing for the "Army of One" mower," Torres said.

To qualify for the Ohio race, Torres had to participate in two nationally sponsored races, so he entered races in Annapolis in June and in New York in July.

He said that what began as a restoration project has turned into a passion for him.

"I was restoring an old lawn mower and heard about it when I went to buy some parts," Torres said. "I went to watch a couple of races then decided I wanted to build one. Now it's a passion with me. I really enjoy it."

Torres said racing is "a feel

Torres said. "Someone is always stopping me and asking how I did."

He said he also enjoys showing the mower to soldiers and young people.

"The soldiers love when I bring it around. There is the maintenance interest and it's also a good recruiting tool," Torres said.

Decorated with Army logos, the mower always draws positive comments from veterans and spectators, he added.

"I was surprised at the amount of interest," he said. People love it and I always take time to spread the good word about the Army."

Many don't realize that the sport is regulated with safety requirements as in any other sport, Torres said.

For example, every unit must be equipped with good brakes and a 'kill switch' that shuts the motor down should the driver be thrown off.

"We are inspected before every race," Torres said, adding that helmets also are required while racing.

He said the sport is "just fun" for him and he plans to ride indefinitely.

"It's a time consuming hobby, and it takes some mechanical knowledge to do well, but it's a great stress reliever and good fun," Torres said. "I'll do this until I can't

Torres will be back in action this weekend at the All American 250 in Jessup, Md.,



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Grants, internships grouped on new Web site

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs Army News Service

Information on more than \$570 million in internships, scholarships and grants can be found at a federal government Web site, thanks to an Army major.

Maj. Barry Williams, currently serving as a White House Fellow, created the "escholar" site to give people a wealth of information without having to spin their wheels with numerous search engines.

Williams, a former brigade operations officer in South Korea, began his stint as a White House Fellow in September. He was selected after competing against hundreds of other applicants and undergoing numerous interviews. To date, e-scholar has been his greatest contribution to the program, he said.

"This Web site is for America - students, parents, career professionals and those with disabilities," Williams said. "From age 16 on up, from all walks of life, we want to give people a taste of what the federal government has to

E-scholar, which can be found at http://www.studentjobs.gov/e-scholar.htm, went online March 28 and gets about 12,000 hits a day. Individuals can search for grants, internships, jobs and volunteer service by indicating what type of positions they're looking for, salary expectations and geographic preferences.

Other tools located at the site include "Create a Profile" and "Create a Resume." By entering a profile, individuals can be notified if what they are looking for is posted at a future date. Also, individuals can send their resumes out electronically.

This Web site is going to build on the partnership that the federal government is trying to establish with the community, Williams said. For instance, career professionals such as teachers can participate in internships and work with renowned scientists, lawyers or doctors who are working on current projects, he said. Then they can take that experience back to the classroom or laboratory, he added.

Williams, 36, pledges that the site will only improve. His year-long tour as a White House Fellow will be up in six months, but the federal Office of Personnel Management will continue to maintain the site.

"It launched with \$400 million in opportunities, and in three weeks we've added \$170 million more. So I'm sure that there are other programs out there that we haven't added to the site," Williams said. "We're also asking for input from our users to help us make the site better."

Long hours were put into creating the site, Williams said, to launch it before the summer. But according to the White House Fellow's application, work assignments for fellows are challenging, often require long hours and at times unglamorous duties.

With six months left as a fellow, Williams said he's looking for more challenging assignments during his current

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about the Army and soldiers, but it's comforting knowing that I'm able to serve my nation in a different manner," Williams, a 13-year veteran. "I don't know where my next assignment will be, but I'm looking forward to using the leadership management tools that I've gained at OPM in the military."